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GERMAN OFFENSIVE STARTS



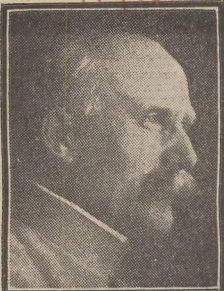
Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, leads against British.



Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig.



General Foch, the French leader.



General Petain, who is in supreme command of the French armies which are opposing the German offensive.



General Max von Gallwitz, who is now in charge of the German operations before Verdun.



The scene of the great battle—between the Oise and Seneffe (eight miles south-east of Arras).

The German offensive against the British is now in full swing, raging from just south of Arras to La Fere—over fifty miles. The enemy have reached our battle positions on certain parts of the front. Mr. Bonar Law yesterday said it was the biggest attack of the war, but it was no surprise, and it occurred where it was expected.

LICHNOWSKY "DEGRADED."



Prince Lichnowsky.



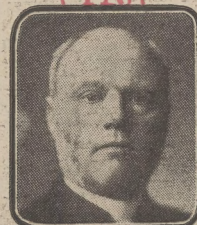
Princess Lichnowsky.

The news has been received that Prince Lichnowsky, formerly German Ambassador to Great Britain, has been degraded by the Kaiser for his revelation of the truth about the part played by England and Germany before the war.

AN OFFICER V.C.'s WEDDING.



Captain Geoffrey Vickers, V.C., of the Sherwood Foresters, and Miss Helen Tregoning, daughter of Harpenden, were married yesterday at St. Andrew's Church, Malden-road, N.W. This photograph of the bride and bridegroom was taken just after the wedding ceremony.



APPOINTMENT.—The Rev. Dr. J. Scott Lidgett, appointed deputy-chairman of the Education Committee of the London County Council.



RESIGNED.—The Duke of Marlborough, who has tendered his resignation as Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.



M.C.—Captain J. Leacroft, R.F.C., who has been recently awarded the Military Cross for his wonderful flying exploits.

ADMIRALTY'S CALL TO THE NATION

Why the Policy of Silence Has Been Abandoned.

A DANGEROUS POINT.

The paramount importance of individual and united effort on the part of the people of this country to make good the losses caused by foe submarines has prompted the Board of Admiralty to publish an important memorandum on the situation.

This statement, elaborating the speech of Sir Eric Geddes in the House of Commons, was issued by the War Cabinet yesterday with the concurrence of the Allies.

Briefly the position is as follows:—

	British.	Foreign.	World.
Losses, tons	7,070,652	4,748,063	11,827,715
Gains: New construction	3,081,555	3,574,720	6,656,275
Enemy tonnage captured	780,000	1,800,000	2,580,000
Total gains	3,861,555	5,374,720	9,236,275

Net loss (world)

The above figures will not stimulate the enemy, and the Admiralty recognise that the policy of silence, necessary as they believe it to have been from a naval point of view, has had this serious defect—that it failed sufficiently to impress upon the people of this country the vital necessity for individual and united effort on their part to make good the losses caused by enemy submarines.

A rapid and continuous increase in the output of merchant tonnage will inevitably follow the united efforts of all engaged in merchant ship-building.

The recent production, however, of merchant ships in the United Kingdom, even making the most generous allowance for weather conditions, fell so far below the rate of output in the pre-

THE HOME-FED PIG.

Lord Rhonda has decided that cottagers and smallholders who feed pigs shall be entitled to use the whole of the first pig in any year, outside any rationing order.

Sugar for Jam.—Ten thousand tons of sugar, and possibly more, are to be allocated this year to private fruit growers for jam making.—Lord Rhonda.

Offal Without Coupons.—It has been decided to increase the coupon value of certain offals and to allow certain other offals to be sold free of coupons.—Mr. Clynes.

Fish.—A maximum price for fish is to be fixed; order permits sale of fish otherwise than by weight when so desired by the purchaser, but seller must weigh the fish when required.—Official.

Rations for Holiday-Makers.—Special arrangements and special supplies are to be afforded seaside places for Easter holiday-makers.—Mr. Clynes.

ceding quarter that, if improvement is not speedily made, the point where production balances losses will be postponed to a dangerous extent, and even when that point is reached we shall still have to make good the losses of the past.

'A WOMAN OF AFFLUENCE.'

Town Councillor's Wife Fined £100 for Attic Food Hoard.

"The case is a bad one, for defendant is a woman of affluence, and should have set an example," said counsel for the prosecution yesterday at Poole (Dorset), when Marie Shaw, of Holly Lodge, Branksome Park, Bournemouth, wife of a member of the local town council, was ordered to pay fines totalling £100 for food hoarding. Eighty per cent. of the food, excepting sugar, 182lb. of which had been given to her, was confiscated.

It was stated that a police search revealed considerable quantities of food in a store-room and attic. Purchases had been made while the defendant was drawing rations and supplies from a Bournemouth grocer.

TUBE STRIKE THREATENED.

Unless the demand of the electric railway workers for an extra 10s. per week is granted, there is a prospect of a strike being declared at the end of the week.

The demand is put forward on behalf of those who did not participate in the 12s. per cent. bonus.

NOTED AIRMAN DEAD.

The death is announced of Major Arthur Tilney, M.C., a noted airman and eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel P. H. Tilney, D.S.O., a well-known Liverpool stockbroker, in his twenty-third year. His father is serving in France.

Only a month ago deceased was decorated with the M.C. by the King, his father receiving the D.S.O. on the same occasion. On March 11 Major Tilney was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre, having already received the Belgian order De la Couronne.

PALESTINE PUSH.

Allenby's Troops Occupy More Turkish Towns.

470 BOMBS DROPPED ON FOE.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

A British communiqué issued yesterday states that our troops in Palestine have been consolidating their positions.

On March 15 a hostile counter-attack in the vicinity of Beit Ballut, seven miles east of Jaffa, was driven off. On the 14th our troops in the Juda Valley secured El Musalla-Bel and the high ground overlooking the Jericho-Nablus road.

On March 19 Beit Rima and Keft Tut were occupied without opposition. On the same day our airmen (R.F.C. and Australian F.C.) dropped bombs against enemy establishments in the vicinity of El Kutrain Station, on the Hejaz Railway, thirty-five miles east of the Dead Sea. Four hundred and seventy bombs were dropped on the station buildings and on railway trains. One enemy machine was destroyed; two of ours are missing.

East Africa Drive.—Nampula (110 miles inland) has been occupied by the advanced troops of a fresh column disembarked at Mozambique.

RAIDS ON GERMAN TOWNS.

"Government Will Do Everything to Make Them Effective."

Mr. Pemberton Billing asked the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons yesterday, whether his attention had been called to a statement that Germany was prepared to refrain from air attacks on this country providing British raids over German territory cease, and whether he would accept this indication from Germany as an expression of the success of our new aggressive air policy, and, in consequence, redouble British aerial activity over German towns.

Mr. Bonar Law said the Government would do everything in their power to make the raids into Germany effective.

Answering a further question, Mr. Bonar Law said our raids were regarded as legitimate acts of war, and were by no means undertaken as reprisals.

8,843 Bombs on Foe in February.—The Air Ministry announced last night that, exclusive of raids into Germany, the British had dropped 8,843 bombs on the enemy in France during February, as compared with 1,796 bombs dropped by Germans on our forces.

RELIGION AND DIVORCE.

Judge's Comment in Dismissing Delayed Petition by Captain.

"A man has a right to his religious objections, and to stick to them, but he must take the consequences. He has no right to delay proceedings as in this case, where he knew of his wife's misconduct in 1914."

This was the remark made by Mr. Justice Horridge, in the Divorce Court yesterday, in dismissing a petition for divorce brought by Captain Robert Henry Coppinger, R.N., on the ground of misconduct between his wife and the respondent, Guy Latham Lutwyche.

Petitioner said he was a Roman Catholic, and his religious ideas were against divorce. He was bringing the suit as his wife had now three illegitimate children, and he had lost all hope of reclaiming her, and he wanted to protect his own child of the marriage.

WOMAN'S APPEAL TO JUDGE

Offers to Serve Seven Years for Forgery Instead of Man.

As a sequel to a police raid at Camberwell, Ernest Johnson, forty-eight, dealer, was sentenced at the Old Bailey yesterday, to seven years' penal servitude for forging a Treasury note, and with having in his possession plates and material for the manufacture of forged notes, and Clara Johnson, twenty-eight, married, to twelve months for uttering a forged 10s. note.

"Let me have the seven years and let him have the twelve months. I am younger than he is," said the woman on leaving the dock.

"Oh, no," said the Judge. "The sentences I have passed I think are quite proper."

SEVEN INJURED BY GAS EXPLOSION.

As the result of a gas explosion in High-street, Acton, yesterday the premises of a hairdresser named James were partly wrecked.

Seven persons were injured, some of them badly, including a little girl, the daughter of the proprietor.

U.S. T.B.D. DAMAGED.

An accident has befallen an American destroyer, the Manly.

It appears that a depth charge exploded. Some of the crew were killed and a number of them are in hospital suffering from injuries.

Two German prisoners escaped in London yesterday from Mill Hill Camp.

SIGNALS TO U-BOATS.

Dramatic Story of Morse Flashes from Beachy Head House-top.

SPY CAPTURED.

A startling story of spies was told by Hugh John Williams, an official at the Air Board, who the Old Bailey yesterday pleaded not guilty to a charge under the Prevention of Corruption Act of attempting to obtain gifts.

Giving evidence, he stated that he was in the Southern States of America when war broke out. He joined the Army in September, 1914.

I was in camp on the south coast, and it was rumoured that lots of people were signalling to German submarines off Beachy Head.

I asked for special permission to go out as I knew the Morse code. For several nights we read the messages and they were sent to the War Office.

It was learnt that it was the German code and that messages were being received by German submarines off Beachy Head. At the time transports were leaving Newhaven.

Some days after this I had the pleasure of capturing one of these people, who unfortunately was a British subject.

He was signalling to a German submarine from the top of his house at two o'clock in the morning with a Morse lamp and a powerful telescope.

I arrested him, and was recommended by my colonel for a commission, which I received.

Defendant declared that while serving in France he was recommended for the M.C. and the D.S.O. The case was adjourned.

"SOLDIER-MAD GIRLS."

Magistrate on Parents' Complaints of Daughters Who Left Home.

Mr. Cecil Chapman, speaking at a meeting, at St. Martin's Vestry yesterday, of the London Council for the Promotion of Public Morality, said that girls to-day became "soldier-mad."

He had girls from all over the country brought before him, and their parents had said: "I have lost my girl for the last six months. She went 'soldier-mad' and I could not keep her at home."

PERMITS TO TRAVEL.

Drastic Steps to Be Taken If Railway Travelling is Not Reduced.

The Daily Mirror understands that one of the measures at present under the consideration of the Railway Executive Committee for reducing railway travelling is the issue of travel permits.

Without such a permit no one would be able to travel beyond a certain distance.

The proposal is not favoured by the railway managers, and is not likely to be brought into force at present.

The Board of Trade is alive to the need of an immediate reduction in passenger travelling, and it is understood, will have no hesitation in recommending such a system if other means of reducing travelling fail.

PANIC IN MANNHEIM.

British Air Raid on German Town Causes Enormous Damage.

PARIS, Thursday.—The New York Herald (Paris edition) publishes the following from Geneva:—

"According to news received from Basle, Monday's British air raid on Mannheim caused enormous damage."

"Many houses in several portions of the town were set on fire, especially around the station."

"An explosion occurred at a powder factory and at the gasworks, while the tramways were stopped running, as there were large holes in the principal streets, and firemen, assisted by soldiers, worked for ten hours in extinguishing the fires."

The population was panic-stricken and there is constant anxiety over the prospect of further raids.

Many people, especially women and children, are leaving the town and arriving in Switzerland.

AIR BASE PLAN THAT WAS GIVEN UP.

Questions were asked in the Lords yesterday regarding the abandonment of the proposed air base at Loch Doon.

Lord Rothermere said he did not know who was responsible for the undertaking of the scheme. It was found that though the original estimated cost was £350,000, the actual expenditure had already amounted to £420,000, and a further considerable expenditure was asked for.

After eighteen months' work it was still doubtful whether the place would ever be suitable for the purpose for which it was designed, and the Air Council came to the conclusion that there was no alternative to abandonment.

COMPULSORY LEVY TO WAR LOAN.

Subscriptions to the New Zealand War Loan of £50,000,000 will close on April 8.

If not fully subscribed, the deficiency (says a Reuter's message) will be raised by a compulsory levy on all persons whose incomes are not less than £200 per annum.

AMERICA SEIZES 38 DUTCH SHIPS.

Britain Decides to Take Similar Steps.

HUN BLOCKADE THREAT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.—Naval reservists, acting under orders from Washington, took over thirty-eight Dutch vessels yesterday evening.—Reuter.

The British Government (says Reuter) will take similar steps immediately in respect of Netherlands shipping in the harbours of the British Empire.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (received yesterday).—Mr. Wilson has issued a proclamation ordering the seizure of all Dutch ships in American harbours.

Mr. Daniels immediately notified the naval authorities at all ports, ordering them to take over the vessels lying there.—Central News.

Another message quotes the President as saying:—

"I profoundly sympathise with the difficulty of Holland's position under the menace of a military power which has in every way demonstrated its disdain of mutual rights. But since coercion does in fact exist, no alternative is left to us but to exercise our indisputable rights."

OUR GENEROUS OFFER.

British diplomatic correspondence with the Netherlands Government was issued last night. In this Mr. Balfour pointed out that all that had been done was, by taking possession of and arming Dutch vessels, to minimise the injury done to British rights and interests by the illegal action of German submarines in destroying Dutch shipping.

Lord Roberts, in a statement in the Commons last night, said that, apart from all arrangement for hire and insurance, we offered, if any Dutch ship should be sunk in the danger zone, to replace it after the war. That was pretty generous.

The Dutch Government felt unable to agree, and the Allied Governments had felt that their

BOY AND GIRL GARDENERS.

Nearly 300 schools in all parts of the country will enter the Daily Mirror's potato-growing competition open to amateur growers.

For five potatoes the following prizes are offered:—

First prize ... £500 Fourth prize ... £25
Second prize ... 100 Fifth prize ... 10
Third prize ... 50 13 prizes of ... 1

At Leyton 2,000 girls are busy gardening.

Medals for Potato Growers.—Mr. Clynes told the House of Commons last night that the Government so valued the services of growers of potatoes in Ireland for the British, French and Italian Armies that some of them were to be decorated.

only course was to exercise what they believed to be their unquestionable right, the requisitioning of the services of any neutral vessel found in their ports under what was known as the right of angery.

PARIS, Thursday.—A message from Zurich states that the semi-official German Press announces that Holland will have to bear all the consequences of her decision, and that they must expect all the Netherlands ports to be blockaded by German submarines.—Exchange.

[Holland's decision, which is unacceptable to the Allies, was in agreement to the requisitioning of ships on condition that they did not carry war material and were not armed.]

NEWS ITEMS.

Spring.—Yesterday was the first day in spring. New 6,000,000-ton Coal Seam.—A new seam of six million tons of coal has been struck in the Rhondda Valley.

Quite Right, Too.—It is stated at Buenos Ayres that the Swedish steamer Valparaiso has refused to take on board Count Luxburg.—Reuter.

Sir George Alexander.—A memorial service to the late Sir George Alexander will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, at noon to-day.

Women's Day.—To-day is to be celebrated in London as "Women's Day." It is the creation of the Y.W.C.A. to raise funds for the erection of huts, hostels, clubs and canteens for nearly 2,000,000 women war workers.

POETHLYN'S WAR NATIONAL.

Poethlyn, who since December, 1916, had won four races and been placed in two others, won the substitute Grand National at Gatwick by four lengths from Captain Dreyfus.

Master, joint favourite with Poethlyn and Aily Sloper, fell early in the contest.

The honours of the race really belonged to Captain Dreyfus, who, with 12s. 7½. up, only just failed to equal the performance of Claret, Mauds and Jerry M. The latter, who won at Liverpool in 1912, was ridden by Pigott, who had the merit of yesterday's winner. The champion hunter Water Bolt earned his name by his masterly defeat of the five-year-old Senechal in the Champion Hurdle Cup.

WINNERS AT GATWICK.

12.15.—Mac-Merry (5-2, G. Duller); 1. Carol Singer (11-4); 2. Zedman's Belle (11-9); 3. Six ran. 12.45.—Water Bolt (5-1, G. Young) beat Senechal (5-1, G. Duller); 2. Poethlyn (5-1, Pigott); 1. Captain Dreyfus (20-1); 2. Ballymacad (5-1); 3. Senechal (5-1); 4. Dreyfus (10-6); 5. Young; 1. Pringle Point (7-1); 2. Marjorie (4-1); 3. Ten (5-1); 4. Bell Toll (1-10, Thurliff); 1. Blow Pipe (20-1); 2. Mark Off (5-1); 3. The Duke (5-1); 4. The Duke (5-1); 1. Irish Cheer (5-2); 2. Bill's Bluff (3-1); 3. Four 12s.

GERMANS ATTACK BRITISH ON FRONT OF 50 MILES

Biggest Offensive of the War—From Scarpe to Oise—Statement in Commons.

FOUR HUN DESTROYERS SUNK IN STRAITS.

U.S. Seize Dutch Ships—Germans Take Kherson—New Advance in Palestine—Austrian Guns in West.

Big German Offensive.—In the Commons yesterday, Mr. Bonar Law announced that a German infantry attack had been launched from the Scarpe to the Oise on a front of over fifty miles.

This attack is on a larger scale than any other that has been made at any stage of the war on any part of the front.

No intimation had yet been received as to the result of this attack.

Our outpost troops had withdrawn in one part of the line, which was very lightly held, but that was nothing more than was expected and was in accordance with instructions.

There was nothing in the nature of a surprise about this attack, which had been launched in the very part of the line in which we were told it would be launched.

Reuter's special correspondent, in an early message, said: At five this morning the Germans launched an infantry attack on a big scale from north of Lagnicourt to Gauche Wood.

Hand-to-hand fighting followed at various points, and it seems certain that the Germans have assumed the offensive on a big scale.

[Lagnicourt is eleven miles south-east of Arras and twelve miles west of Cambrai. Gauche Wood is five miles south-west of Cambrai. The distance between Lagnicourt and Gauche Wood is about eleven miles.]

ALLIED T.B.D.S INTERCEPT HEAVY BOMBARDMENT OF DUNKIRK RAIDERS. BRITISH ON WIDE FRONT.

Four Enemy Vessels Believed Sunk in Channel Fight.

WE HAVE NO LOSSES.

ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL.

Thursday.—Vice-Admiral Dover reports destroyer action off Dunkirk between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. to-day.

Two British and three French destroyers were engaged with a force of German destroyers which had previously bombarded Dunkirk for ten minutes.

Vice-Admiral Dover reports that two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo-boats are believed to have been sunk.

Survivors have been picked up from two enemy torpedo-boats.

No Allied vessels were sunk. One British destroyer was damaged, but has reached harbour.

British casualties were slight. No French casualties.

HUNS TAKE KHERSON.

Thursday.—Mackensen's Forces in Russia.—The troops of infantry, General Kosch, have captured the commercial town and harbour of Kherson, in Ukraina.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday.—At the session of the Moscow Council to discuss the formation of a new army, Mr. Trotsky said: "To us it is a matter of indifference whether England or Germany wins the war. Russia will remain a colony unless the international proletariat comes to her assistance."

"The formation of a regular army under strict discipline is necessary. Former officers will be employed as instructors in the new army."—Reuter.

[Kherson is 110 miles east of Odessa.]

WAR'S DECISIVE MOMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday Night.—In a telegram to the Rhenish Provincial Council the Kaiser says: "We are at the decisive moment of the war and one of the greatest in German history."

The Emperor ends with an appeal for unity.—Central News.

SPAIN'S CABINET CRISIS.

MADRID, Thursday.—The newspapers, commenting on the Cabinet crisis, confess they are puzzled as to who will form a Cabinet, the reports regarding the latest consultations with the King having only increased the prevailing uncertainty.

Senator Garcia Prieto visited the royal palace yesterday morning and informed the King that, in view of differences of opinion, the entire Cabinet felt obliged to resign.

Subsequently Senator Prieto was summoned to the palace and was asked by the King to continue in office, but absolutely refused.—Reuter.

THE LINE OF FIRE.



The German offensive has begun on a front of twelve miles south-east of Arras.

ALLENBY'S TROOPS PRESS-ING ON IN PALESTINE.

R.F.C. and Australians Drop 470 Bombs on Turks.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Palestine (Thursday).—Throughout the past week our troops have mainly been occupied in consolidating and improving their positions.

Heavy rain fell during the period March 15 to 18. On March 13 a hostile counter-attack in the vicinity of Deir Ballut, seventeen miles east of Jaffa, was driven off.

On the 14th our troops in the Jordan Valley secured El Musalla-Beh and the high ground from west of that locality overlooking the Jericho-Nablus road, three miles north of the Wadi Anja.

On the 19th Beit Rima and Keft Tut respectively, five miles east-south-east and seven miles east-south-east of Deir Ballut, were occupied without opposition.

On the latter date an effective bombing raid was executed by units of the Royal Flying Corps and Australian Flying Corps against the enemy establishments in the vicinity of El Kutarni Station, on the Hedjaz Railway, thirty-five miles east of the southern end of the Dead Sea. Four hundred and seventy bombs were dropped on the station buildings and on railway trains, direct hits being observed on the objectives.

One enemy aeroplane was destroyed in aerial fighting, and two of our machines failed to return.

Mesopotamia.—There is no military action in Mesopotamia to report. Heavy rain has fallen during the last ten days in forward areas occupied by our troops.

The Turkish stores captured in Hit included a quantity of small arms ammunition and many country boats.

DUTCH TALE OF GERMAN DESIRE FOR PEACE.

Semi-Official Negotiations Said To Be Already at Work.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday.—The Catholic paper, *Nieuwsblad van het Zuiden*, says it has learned from a most reliable source that at the present moment semi-official negotiations are being carried on between Germany and the Entente in which Germany is displaying a strong inclination for peace.—Central News.

The present discussions will terminate on March 27, and if by then no basis for official negotiations has been found the German offensive in the west will thereupon commence.—Central News.

MARGHILOMAN'S MOVE.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—Local newspapers underfoot from advices received from Vienna that the new Rumanian Premier, M. MarghiLOman, is striving for an alliance between Rumania and the Central Powers.

This proposal is telegraphed, and is now being sympathetically discussed in the Vienna Press.—Reuter.

Brussels Fined £100,000.—Brussels has been fined 2,000,000 marks (about £100,000) for the recent anti-Flemish agitators' demonstration.—Exchange.

AMERICA SEIZES 38 DUTCH SHIPS.

German Threat to Blockade Netherlands Ports.

MR. WILSON'S WORDS.

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The President declares that it is his earnest desire to safeguard to the fullest extent the interests of Holland and her nationals.

"By exercising in this crisis our admitted right to control all property in our territory, we do no wrong to Holland," says the President, "and the manner in which it is proposed to exercise America's right is evidence to the world of the sincerity of our friendship."—Central News.

BRITAIN TO FOLLOW SUIT.

The United States having authorised the requisitioning of Dutch ships in American ports, the British Government (says Reuter) will take similar steps immediately in respect of Netherlands shipping in the harbours of the British Empire.

In spite of statements, emanating from Holland, as to decisions taken by the Dutch Government regarding the Allies' Note, the fact remains that His Majesty's Government has received no communication that could be regarded either as a definite acceptance or refusal of the Allies' Note.—Reuter.

PARIS, Thursday.—A message from Zurich states that the semi-official German Press announces that Holland will have to bear all the consequences of her decision, and that she must expect all the Netherlands ports to be blockaded by German submarines.

The German Government is exerting the utmost pressure upon the Government of The Hague.—Exchange.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday (received yesterday).—The *Cologne Gazette* says:—

"Holland's decision means the prolongation of the war, as it will facilitate transportation for the Entente."

The Entente also hopes we might break with Holland, so that they could use Flushing as an operating base against our northern flank in Germany, but everyone desires that we shall remain at peace with Holland.—Exchange.

Lord Robert Cecil made a statement on the seizure of the Dutch shipping in the Commons yesterday. We had made Holland a pretty generous offer, to which the Dutch Government felt unable to agree. The Allied Governments had felt that their only way was to exercise what they believed to be their undoubted right to requisition the services of any neutral vessel found in their ports under what was known as the right of angery.

8,843 BRITISH BOMBS ON HUNS IN FEBRUARY.

Foe's Explosives Outnumbered by 4 to 1—Our Airmen's Fine Work.

FROM THE AIR MINISTRY.

Bombing During February (exclusive of raids on Germany).—The following is a comparison of the number of bombs dropped during February by the enemy in the area occupied by British troops in France, and the number dropped by the R.N.A.S., R.F.C. and Australian Flying Corps in enemy areas:—

	British.	Enemy.
By day	5,230	28
By night	3,553	1,798
	8,843	1,796

PARIS, Thursday.—The *Matin*, commenting on the supremacy of the French air service, says:—"During February we brought down forty-three enemy aeroplanes and ourselves only lost three machines. In 1917 we had thirty-three airmen each of whom had brought down five enemy machines, while over eleven had scored more than ten victories each. To-day we have fifty-three pilots, seventeen of whom are 'aces,' each having over ten victories to his credit."

"During February we dropped 101,000 kilograms (100 tons) of explosives upon German military objectives. We have maintained our technical superiority and increased our numerical superiority. The Germans have no way against us two-thirds of their entire aerial strength."—Reuter.

CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT.



Captain Kermet Roosevelt (left), son of ex-President Roosevelt, is "doing his bit" with the British in Mesopotamia. Here he is seen sitting on the edge of a captured Turkish trench.

SIX PEOPLE WHO ARE IN—



Flight-Com. B. D. Kilner, R.N.A.S., reported "missing" when over the North Sea on duty, September 25, 1917.



Mr. R. Sawyer, one of the "Anzac Coves," who will appear at the Ambassadors Theatre matinee next Monday.



Mr. Fred Reade, another female impersonator. The matinee is for the Australian Fund for Discharged Soldiers.

BAFFLING THE CHURCH WRECKERS—



Salvaging statues from a destroyed church in Armentieres before further damage to the church takes place.—(Official photograph.)

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A student at a school of instruction. She is t

WAR-TIME WORK



Our police women are doing invalid work. be seen three police women, accompanying an ambulance.

RACING AT GATWICK



Mr. Casebourne dives from White Star cap Steeplechase at the Gatwick race and there was a



KILLED.—Captain Baron von Tutschek, whose twenty-seventh air victory was announced on Saturday, has been brought down by a French airman in the German lines and killed.



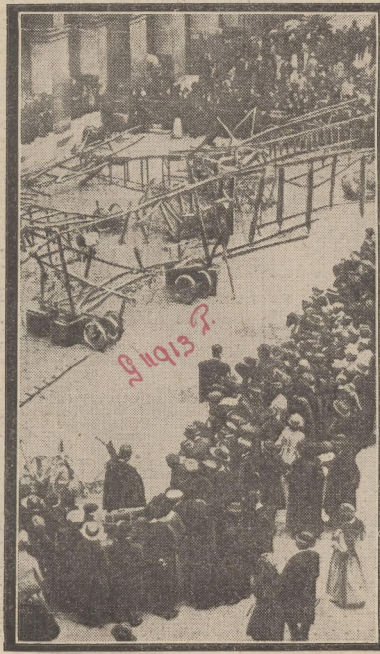
WAR WORKER.—Mrs. Douglas, the wife of Captain Douglas, of the Sherwood Foresters, who has been doing war work for a considerable time past.

TRAINING DOGS FOR WAR.



Dogs are being trained at Camp Dix to find wounded men at the front. A "wounded man" emerges from a "shell crater."

"ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF THEM"



A gathering of Parisians to see the remains of some Gotha machines brought down by the French aerial defence. The Gotha "skeletons."



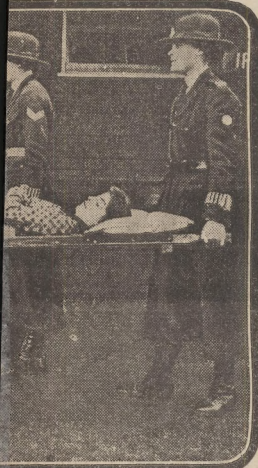
GRACEFUL MODE.—One of the new black and white costumes to be worn this spring. The satchel purse is the same colour as the velour hat.

THE WHEEL



and cultivation works with her in-
motor-ploughing.

WOMEN POLICE.



now. In the above photograph will
gent, conveying an injured girl on
aid hut.

ALL IN THE FIELD.



st fence in the Surrey Double Handi-
the Grand National was run yesterday,
ce of racegoers.

—THE NEWS OF THE DAY.



Lieut. Sydney R. Pocock,
Leinster Regt., attached
Machine Gun Corps,
awarded the Croix de
Guerre.

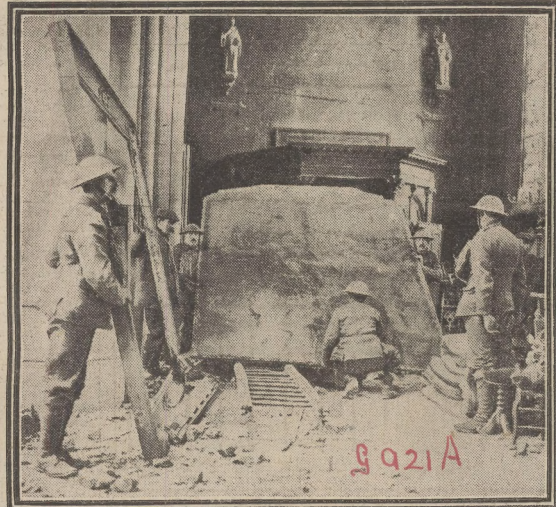


Mrs. R. O. Meyrick, who
was married this week to
Lieutenant R. O. Meyrick.
She was formerly Miss
E. M. Harris.



The Rev. Charles Steer,
formerly a curate at Rom-
ford, who has been awarded
the M.C. for bravery in the
field.

—THE REMOVAL OF THE TREASURES.



Rescuing valuable sacred pictures from a destroyed church in Armentieres
before enemy shells cause further damage.—(Official photograph.)

READY FOR POTATOES.



The girls of St. Saviour's School, Harrow, are here seen busy at
work on one of the school plots preparing the ground for the
potato crop.

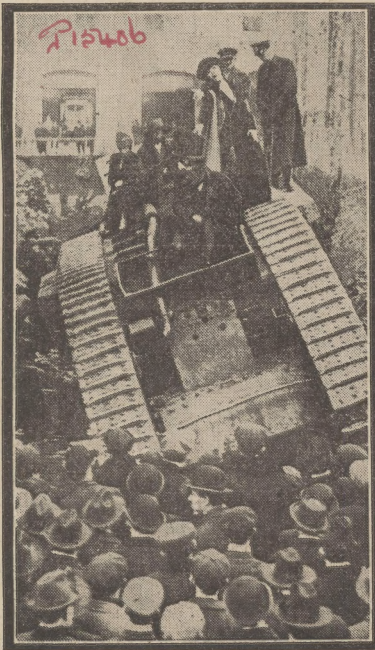


FOR TROOPS ABROAD.—Mrs.
Trevor Lawrence, who is organis-
ing a sale of work to help to carry
on the work of carbolising the gar-
ments sent to the troops abroad.



DEAD.—The Right Hon. Sir Robert
Komer, whose death is just an-
nounced. He became a Lord Justice
of Appeal in 1899 and retired from the
Bench in 1906.

A BRITISH TANK IN NEW YORK.



The British tank Britannia found its way through
an excavation in New York City. Mrs. Wheeler
speaking from the top of the tank.

TITLED FARM WORKER.



Lady Hermione Buxton has taken up farm work
at Castor, Peterborough. She is here seen with
two of her pet goats.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



WALKING COSTUME.—An after-
noon walking dress worn with a
chapeau and ermine stole.
The silk panels of the dress add
height to the figure.

Daily Mirror

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1918.

CURFEW GROWLING.

THREE and a half years of the biggest war in recorded history!—and people here at home complaining of the new "Curfew" restrictions, which request us to "shut up shop" not later than half-past ten at night. . . . We are a wonderful people!—"unwearing in war work."

We show how unwearied we still are by this refusal to give up our known national habit of grumbling against the regulations imposed upon us.

Several instances were to hand before this "Curfew" grumble came along.

We had, some time ago, that immense municipal relief, that civic blessing—cessation of the unneighbourly and grossly selfish habit of taxicab whistling at night; or at any time. Half London, even in peace time, would have joyfully greeted this reform. As it was, many people in London wrote to the papers wailing and protesting that it was all very well for the wounded and that sort of person, but what about the flappers and others unwearied in war work who wanted taxicabs to get to and from fox trots at night in the West-End?—Wasn't it obviously giving in to the Hun, and lowering our morale all round, for us to give up the habit of torturing our neighbours with shrieks of whistles at all hours of the day and night? Unwearied war workers wrote in wailing that, if the Home Secretary didn't look out, the war might be won in France; it would be lost in the West End. . . .

And so with the Curfew and the morale that requires all-night amusements for its maintenance, and so with rations and not going away at Easter.

Always there are people who take "pleasure as usual" for their motto and morale in war work. And always—need we say?—these people tell us it's all for the young officers they want the Revues to go on all night and the whistles (for taxicabs) to be yelling. "Personally" those persons obviously of course go home and war work unweariedly, were it not for "our boys on leave."

Poor boys! They ought to know something about camouflage. It is a very war-weary word.

And what, do you ask, is the effect upon the Hun of our restrictions, regulations; followed by our grouches and grumbings?

We at first thought that they might encourage the Hun. For he would argue: "You see—they are rising in revolt. Grumble, grumble, grumble. Revolution is approaching in England."

So we were inclined to think the Hun thought about us.

But apparently—very likely—it is not so.

Rather it seems that the Hun takes our grumbling as a symptom of the long way we lag behind him in noticeable hardship and suffering. If we wail over "no taxicabs" and groan over "lights out at 10.30" how little (it strikes him) must we yet have suffered from the convulsion of these years! We do not know (save mentally) what it means yet. Physically we suffer hardly at all. What (we may suppose him asking) will they say when and if they are as we Germans are?

They will go collectively mad!

No: that is just the time when they are apt to bear it very well. It is over little things that they complain. W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 21.—Keep on preparing ground that is soon to receive potatoes. Let the digging be done when the weather is fine and dry; pulverise the soil and add plenty of light material if it is inclined to be heavy and cold.

Do not delay the sowing of early cabbage, savoy and Brussels sprouts. Choose a bed of light soil, and sow thinly in drills 6 in. apart. Carefully cotton the rows, so that birds may be kept away. E. F. T.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

There is no greater advantage in a fight than the due appreciation of the worth of an enemy. —Goethe.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

About Men, Women and Affairs

THE REVISED CURFEW.

How the Waterford Election is Going—The Duke of Marlborough's Resignation.

THE SITUATION did not look so bad to my theatrical friends yesterday when Sir Albert Stanley had explained that the shows will be allowed to keep open till 10.30, after all. By Summer Time, of course, this will be really 9.30, and in the height of summer we shall emerge from the theatres before it is yet dark.

Strap-Hanging.—The decision to cut down the Underground train service will mean more strap-hangers than ever. Let us stand up for our country!

The Holidays.—The Commons "broke up" yesterday in the usual torrent of talk. I remember that when Mr. Lloyd George was an Opposition back-bencher he always seized on the motion for adjournment to make long and



Mrs. Dangar, wife of a well-known Australian, working with the Australian Red Cross.



Lady Furness, who, with her husband, maintains a hospital for 200 officers at Harrogate.

Successful Operation.—His London friends will be glad to hear that Lord Shaugnessy is going on well after his operation for cataract. The sight of the eye will be saved, the doctors firmly believe.

The Princess's Idea.—Princess Beatrice, who attended the Hon. Mrs. Henry Ed-

Natives.—The King approves of the Prince of Wales' oysters and regularly has those from the Duchy of Cornwall. No, he does not take advantage of the circumstances to get wholesale prices, but has the oysters through his own fishmonger and pays market prices.

London Fare.—"The order fixing the prices of fish has come just at the right moment," said a domestic food controller to me. "Everybody wants fish in Holy Week."

An Arrival.—Lady Guilford's new son is the third. Lord North, the heir, is sixteen. There are also the Hon. John and Lady Cynthia, thirteen and ten respectively. The Countess was Miss Violet Pawson, and is a kinswoman of Lord St. Vincent.

Polling To-day.—I hear from Waterford that Captain Redmond's meetings have been larger during the campaign than his opponent's. The Nationalist candidate's supporters had a torchlight procession through the town the other night.

Odds On.—Captain Redmond appears to have inherited his father's gift of oratory. His speeches, I hear, are making a great impression. Bookmakers are giving three to one on his success.

Genial Mr. Galsworthy.—I thought Mr. John Galsworthy terribly severe in his remarks at Lord Hambleden's house yesterday. Dances he called "excesses of vulgarity" and ragtime "soul-forsaken sounds."

Epigrammatic.—"By doing his bit and being kind the modern man finds his soul rather than by any mysticism," was another of Mr. Galsworthy's telling phrases.

The Duke Resigns.—As you know, the Duke of Marlborough is not an unpaid joint parliamentary secretary any more, having resigned. He always was a man of decided opinions of his own, and had no lack of courage in expressing them.

A Writer.—Some years ago an unconventional article on divorce from the *dread peer*, in one of the heavier periodicals, caused, I remember, a vast sensation. In these days it would have been taken very quietly.

Leave.—I told you some time ago that Colonel the Hon. Aubrey Herbert, M.P., was worrying the War Office about leave for soldiers who had been out in the East for two years or more. "I think that the War Office honestly appreciates the urgency of the case," he said to me yesterday, "but, of course, the difficulties to be overcome are very great."

War Services.—Colonel Herbert, who is a half-brother of Lord Carnarvon, has seen much service, and was wounded in the present conflict.

Recruits.—Mrs. Arthur Croxton tells me that the net result of the recruiting rally of the Women's Land Army in Trafalgar-square was 500 recruits. Not so bad!

Du Maurier's Delusion.—Meeting Mr. Gerald du Maurier yesterday, I asked him the inner meaning of his recent dictum that all critics should pay for their seats on a first night. He said that he had an idea that it would make them more independent in their judgments—not being guests of the management—a mistaken idea.

For Charity.—I was able to reassure him on that point. Mr. du Maurier went on to say that he would like to see all the first night receipts, with a proportion of salaries and fees, given to theatrical charities. A noble idea, and what a revenue it would bring in for the said charities!

Ivan.—Things Russian are not yet so unpopular in England that there was not a large audience for "Ivan the Terrible" at Drury Lane. Sir Thomas Beecham left the conducting to Mr. Eugene Goossens. Mr. Robert Parker was impressive as the unpleasant Tsar, but the honours went to the chorus.

Officer-Actor.—Mr. Ernest Tiesiger has worn khaki in the Army, and now he is to do it on the stage, he tells me. He is playing a funny part—a footman who gets a commission—in a new one-act play at a special marriage next month. Miss Lilian Braithwaite appears with him.

An Actor-Manager.—I have had a kind but reproachful letter from Mr. H. B. Irving as to my recent paragraph on the passing of the actor-manager. Everybody knows that Mr. Irving is a very fine actor, as well as the lessee and manager of the Savoy, though he has temporarily let his theatre to others.

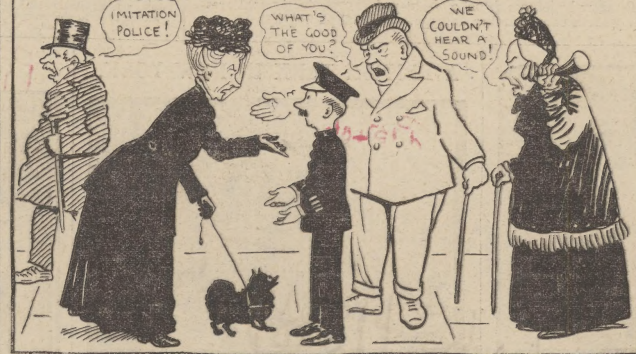
THE RAMBLER.

THE TRIALS AND PLEASURES OF A "SPECIAL."—No. 5.

WHEN THE "ALL CLEAR" GOES AFTER AN AIR-RAID, HE IS ACCUSED OF MAKING AN UNNECESSARY NOISE IN THE STREETS



NEXT DAY HE IS ACCUSED BY OTHERS OF NOT HAVING MADE ENOUGH NOISE TO BE HEARD IN THE CELLARS



As to his duty in shouting "All clear!" he is much disturbed and confused. Some want one thing, some another.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

eloquent speeches. The wheel has come full circle now!

The Self-Controller.—I saw Lord Rhonda in the lobby just before the House rose for its holidays. Owing to the severity of his self-ratoning his clothes hang loosely on him.

Smartness and Brains.—The woman politician can also be smart. I noticed yesterday at the Women's Municipal Party meeting that the Duchess of Marlborough wore what my girl cousin would call a "dream" of a cloak—black quilted satin lined with fur.

Naval Literature.—A bookseller of my acquaintance was ordering some sea stories yesterday afternoon. He told me that after every considerable naval scrap there was a regular boom in books about the Navy.

Dora and the Typewriter.—I have just been told by an official that the shortage of typewriters is so serious that the Government contemplate a census of those in use by private firms, and may commandeer them.

wardes Overseas officers' party, brought with her a fine Australian pianist, Miss Purnell, whom she had heard and become interested in. The Australian officers, who were there in large numbers, were greatly appreciative of the Princess' thought.

Impromptu.—Mr. Thorpe Bates and Miss Marjorie Hayward were helping to entertain. After the concert the officers rolled up the carpet and had a little impromptu dance.

The Eye-Opener.—Many women, I hear, are for the first time in their lives doing without that dear familiar eye-opener, "early tea." The pernicious habit of nibbling something between breakfast and lunch has also disappeared.

Medal for Chef.—M. Escoffier, the Carlton's chef, is highly pleased with the bronze medal just given him by President Poincaré. This is not for his cooking—though it well might be—but because he organised a fund for the wives and children of French chefs called to the colours.

WATERFORD ELECTION SCENES : SEE EXCLUSIVE PICTURES ON PAGE ONE

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AIRMAN'S WEDDING.



Lieutenant Ellis T. Collins, R.F.C., and his bride, Miss Dorothy A. Hook, who were married yesterday. Before taking up aviation, Lieutenant Collins was a captain in the Serbian Army.

IN NEWS.



Sister Ella MacFadden, who has been recently awarded the Royal Red Cross for nursing services abroad.



WAR WORKER. — A charming new portrait of Miss Boyd, who is doing clerical work in a Government office.

CHILD VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.



French children rendered homeless by the explosion at Courneuve are supplied with dinner in an American Red Cross hostel.



ACTOR ILL. — Edward Compton, the famous actor, for many years associated with the Compton Comedy Company, is now seriously ill.



U.S. SHIPBUILDERS. — Mr. Edward Nash Hurley, of the United States Shipping Board, has promised to produce six million tons of shipping in 1918.

PYJAMAS FOR THE AFTERNOON.

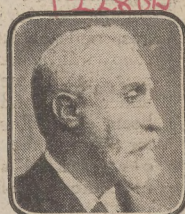


Miss Margot Erskine, the popular and beautiful actress, seems quite at home in these tea pyjamas, cosily fashioned of flowered silk, which have replaced the usual tea-gown.

X-RAY EXPERTS IN FRANCE.



The Duchess of Westminster (centre) with the X-ray and electro-therapeutic staff of her hospital in France, which was one of the first established in that country after the commencement of war. All three ladies are expert masseuses.



SPANISH PREMIER. — Maura, for many years the leader of the Conservatives in the Spanish Government, and formerly Prime Minister, is now back again in office.



CHIEF GIRL GUIDE. — Lady Baden-Powell, founder of the Girl Guides, is, like her husband, exceedingly keen on training the youth of Britain to be useful.

AN APPEAL FOR WAR NURSES.



Mrs. Page speaking at the Y.W.C.A. Hut, Trafalgar-square, in connection with Women's Week.

AN EARL'S GRANDCHILDREN.



The pretty babies of Lady Rachel Sturgis, daughter of the Earl of Wharnclyffe.